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1. The industrialisation program of the Peron Government is attracting many farm laborers from the interior to Buenos Aires. Most of them are ignorant in political and labor matters and are easily and readily absorbed by the Peronista party. Although they earn more money in the city than they previously earned in the country, the difference is absorbed by the higher cost of living in the city and they are unable to save any money. However, they are content to be able to live in a more pleasant environment.
2. It would take a long time to win this class of workers over to Socialism.
3. The truly democratic element in Argentina is found in only a small minority. The masses are traditionally swayed and controlled by any faction which happens to be in power.
4. The Socialists have a chance to become the minority party (second to the Peronista) in the forthcoming elections. However, the Peronistas will probably poll even more votes than in the last elections.
5. Dr. Repetto, a colleague of Cuneo, believes that the Radical Party will win the minority vote in the coming elections, and has also stated that Alfredo Palacios was wise in suggesting that the Socialists combine with the Radicals, not only to increase the possibilities of the latter party, but also to conceal the actual weakness of the Socialist Party.

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